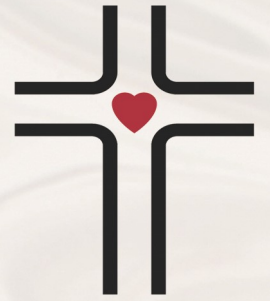


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Love Letter

October, 2019



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The *Holman Bible Dictionary*, in its article "Church," explains the background of the word *church* (emphasis added throughout):

"Church is the English translation of the Greek word *ekklesia*. The use of the Greek term prior to the emergence of the Christian church is important as two streams of meaning flow from the history of its usage into the New Testament understanding of church.

"First, the Greek term which basically means '*called out*' was commonly used to indicate an assembly of citizens of a Greek city and is so used in Acts 19:32, 39. The citizens who were quite conscious of their privileged status over against slaves and noncitizens were called to the assembly by a herald and dealt . . . with matters of common concern. When the early Christians understood themselves as constituting a church, no doubt exists that they perceived themselves as called out by God in Jesus Christ for a special purpose and that their status was a privileged one in Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:19).

"Second, the Greek term was used more than one hundred times in the Greek translation of the Old Testament in common use in the time of Jesus. The Hebrew term (*qahal*) meant simply 'assembly' and could be used in a variety of ways, referring for example to an assembling of prophets (1 Sam. 19:20), soldiers (Num. 22:4), or the people of God (Deut. 9:10). The use of the term in the Old Testament in referring to the people of God is important for understanding the term 'church' in the New Testament.

"The first Christians were [mostly] Jews who used the Greek translation of the Old Testament. For them to use a self-designation that was common in the Old Testament for the people of God reveals their understanding of the continuity that links the Old and New Testaments. The early Christians understood themselves as the people of the God who had revealed Himself in the Old Testament (Heb. 1:1-2), as the true children of Israel (Rom. 2:28-29) with Abraham as their father (Rom. 4:1-25), and as the people of the New Covenant prophesied in the Old Testament (Heb. 8:1-13).

"As a consequence of this broad background of meaning in the Greek and Old Testament worlds, the term 'church' is used in the New Testament of a local congregation of *called-out Christians*, such as the 'church of God which is at Corinth' (1 Cor. 1:2), and also of the entire people of God, such as in the affirmation that Christ is 'the head over all things to the church, which is his body' (Eph. 1:22-23)."

This is important to understand as we launch a new sermon series called "We Are the Church." I hope you'll join us over the next few weeks as we learn about our calling as God's people.

Pastor Jody

A Note from the Preschool

Church Family,

Our preschoolers are moving right along. They are learning new concepts and becoming more independent each day. One of the biggest challenges for preschoolers who are new to school is separating from mom and dad. They are also learning to deal with their big emotions and learning to share.

Our classes will be starting a butterfly garden that we will use as a learning tool for the whole year. We are excited about all the experiences that the kiddos will be able to see – from growing vegetables to the life cycle of the butterfly.

We are so blessed to have Mr. Adam come share God's love through chapel and reading with the classes.

In the fall, we have two great events for our preschool students and families. During our Fall Festival (Oct. 24 and 25), the students play games to win small prizes and feed carrots to a pretend horse. Our Living Thanksgiving (Nov 21 and 22) gives students the opportunity to make soap, make and taste butter, wash clothes on an old wash board and learn the story of the pilgrims through play. We can always use extra hands to help and would love for the church family to come enjoy these mornings with us. Please call the preschool at 949-8717 to get more details about helping.

**Mark your calendars for the
Annual Preschool Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction.
Friday, November 1st 5:30-7:30**

Blessings,
Danielle

*Please donate your men's
shoes now through
November 17th to the
Tomlinson Building!*

*Please contact
Jeanette Moon if you
have any questions!
(813)765-8989*

*We are accepting sizes
9.5 through 13!*



We are still accepting Memorial Brick orders until
OCTOBER 20th!

Please make sure that if you would like to order
that you place your order before this date. Submit
forms to the church office or directly to Janet Moose
- thank you!

Every Thursday at
11:30am!

Meeting inside
the Bliss Center!

Invite your friends!

Women's Bible Study

For more info
contact:

Jeanette Moon

(813)768-8989

or

Kathy Goolsby

(813)833-5572

Next outing:

Thursday, October 17th
from 11:30am-1:30pm

The Lunch Bunch



Franky D's

Third Thursday of the Month!

11:30am



Faith in Action

Contact a Weekly team leader to join their week's team:

Week One – first week of the month

Shirley and Marc Knapp 813-713-2395

marc.j.knapp@gmail.com

shirleywknapp@gmail.com

Week Two – second week of the month

Sherry & Jim Hays 813-909-7314

shays@gte.net

Linda Shanks 813-394-1363

llwshanks@gmail.com

Week Three – third week of the month

Jeanette Moon 813-765-8989

jeanette.61@hotmail.com

Weeks Four & Five - Fourth & Fifth Week of the month

Alayne & Chuck Berkins 813-240-0239 or 813-220-9609

arberkins@gmail.com or ccberkins@gmail.com

**Our local homeless need
YOU!**

**Do you want to join a
Faith in Action Street
Ministry team? Do you
know someone who
does?**

**Week One team
desperately needs more
helping hands!!**



Who says you can't do exercise?

Come join a group of members and non-members for free, keep fit, enhance balance, strengthen core and all around good vibes!

We meet twice a week- Mondays and Thursdays at 3pm for 1 hour of fun and exercise. I know when I leave there, no matter what kind of day I was having, I'll be laughing and feeling good. Honest. Come try us out and borrow our equipment. For those with limitations, we've been adding a bit of chair exercises too. As with all physical endeavors, check with your doctor! I can give you a brochure.

Check our Facebook: Lutz Exercise Angels and please LIKE US!



Let Kathy, in first service, or Teri (or Sue-who's pics you see above) in second service know if you are interested in joining our Exercise Angel crew. Or drop me an email.

EA Cheerleader, Teri-949-5713 Teri@Lutzcc.org

PS We also sponsor Teddy Bears for those in the hospital-stay tuned for our next drive/dedication, last Sunday in October (28th). Keep an eye out for brand new (tags attached) soft Teddy's less than 15" that do not have holiday trimmings.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

TEDDY BEAR DRIVE

OCTOBER 28

**WE WILL BE COLLECTING NEW
TEDDY BEARS TO DELIVER TO
OUR LUTZ CC FAMILY THAT ARE
IN THE HOSPITAL/HOSPICE!
YOU CAN DROP OFF BEARS
ANYTIME TO THE CHURCH
OFFICE BEFORE OCTOBER 28!
NO HOLIDAY BEARS, PLEASE.**





We will continue the EVERY FRIDAY WORK DAYS 8 AM - 10 AM. We will also have two or more GARDEN BEAUTIFICATION/REJUVENATION DAYS. Look for the announcements of exact Saturdays in the LCC weekly e-mail and announcements at Sunday Services, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Peace,

Ardell O'Neal



SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

&

ANNIVERSARIES

Tyler Tindall 10/1

Antonio Rivera 10/16

Bill Kaufmann 10/5

Kika Konga 10/19

Katie DAniels 10/7

Colton Moon 10/19

John JR Babbitt 10/9

Josh Raines 10/20

Bonnie Olson 10/10

Glenda Himes 10/22

Alexis Balic 10/12

Laurie Raines 10/25

Tom English 10/13

Allen Gezelman 10/31

Vernon Leyde 10/15

Denisa Varda 10/31

Nancy & John Ferguson 10/14

Jerry & Ellie Karp 10/15

Michael & Susie Zern 10/20



STAY
UP TO DATE

Check out what's going on around the church with our live time calendar!

<http://lutzcommunitychurch.org/calendar>

